Congratulations to the many award winners at this year’s Australia Day Awards. Congratulations also to Citizens of the Year Award winners Elaine and John Sparrow.
Sylvia Cottle celebrated her 100th Birthday on Sunday January 11 with many relatives and friends as well as residents and staff.

Sylvia received many congratulatory messages including one from the Queen, the Governor General, the Prime Minister, the State Governor and local members.

Sylvia was born January 11, 1915 at Rylstone to parents Sydney Stanley and Emily Maud Morrison. Sylvia was the third of seven children, all of whom attended Coxs Creek Primary School. She went on to attend Kandos High School receiving a gold medal and Dux of the school.

Sylvia became a teacher with small Government subsidised schools where the Government paid the teacher but the parents provided board and lodgings. It was while teaching at a school west of Tenterfield that she met husband to be, Clarry Cottle. They married on April 13, 1939 and resided in a tiny cottage on the property “Rockdale” 25 miles west of Tenterfield for the next 6 years. They had two children, a son Ean - 1940, and a daughter Dale – 1944.

They purchased “Sunnyside” at Cassilis on April 1, 1946, where they lived until Clarry passed in 2008. With no school in the area Sylvia supervised the two children through lessons via Blackfriars Correspondence for six years. Both then went to high school, Dale attending Mudgee and Ean attending Hurtstone at Glenfield.

Sylvia has six grandchildren, ten great grandchildren and has one surviving sister, Violet aged 96. Sylvia has been a long term resident at the Gummun Place Hostel, residing there for the last six year.

Thank you also to Lindy Farmer for such a beautiful birthday cake.

Ean Cottle and families
Welcome back to the new school year, I trust everyone enjoyed the summer break. The start of the school year is always hectic with new student enrolments in primary and secondary. In particular I would like to welcome our new families to the school.

An increase in primary student enrolments has led to an additional class being created. We have made some changes to primary classes to ensure small class sizes and individualised attention during our important literacy and numeracy sessions that occur up until lunch time. After lunch students join home classes which focus on the remaining key learning areas. There may be some adjustment to class numbers and organisation once student enrolments and staffing have been finalised.

SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS

School photographs will take place next Tuesday, information packs have been sent home to parents. Students are asked to return orders and payment on the day of the photographs. Family photographs will take place on the Primary campus from 11.00am.

SWIMMING CARNIVAL

The annual swimming carnival will take place next Wednesday for students from Year 3-12. Information has been sent home informing parents about arrangements on the day. Buses will drop Secondary students off at the pool, Primary students will arrive at the Primary campus as usual and will be escorted to the pool by staff. All parents are welcome to attend and help out on the day.

LOOKING SHARP IN UNIFORM

Our students look fantastic when they are in uniform! Each time we travel as a school we receive many comments on how good students look in full school uniform. As students, parents and teachers are committed to protecting this reputation and wearing the school uniform with pride. In secondary uniform is checked each morning, and students wearing incorrect uniform (without a note from home) are placed on community service. To represent the school (e.g. leave the grounds, attend excursions, play in representative sporting teams) students are required to be in full school uniform.

STAYING IN TOUCH

New parents need to be aware that the Ringer is our formal weekly communication with parents. It is sent home with all students each Thursday, and is available in digital form on the school website. Each week we keep you up-to-date with what’s happening, coming events, profile Student of the Week, and Primary and Secondary news.

On the school website parents can access the school calendar, pay school fees on-line, print off any school notes that didn’t make it home, check assignments due for students Year 7-12. Our Facebook page and mobile app are very popular with parents as a means of keeping in touch.

Darren Noonan
Principal

Merriwa Ringer

Coming Events

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Welcome back for another busy school year. Numerous past Merriwa Central School students have been in contact over the holidays to finalise their choices post school. I have also been contacting a number of employers to follow up with information regarding the possibility of school based traineeships/apprenticeships for some of our Year 11 students. There are opportunities out there for students but they require commitment and dedication to a career path in that industry and students need to realise that they are not going to happen without effort on their part. Students need to show genuine interest and follow up with employers as to the possibility of future employment opportunities.

Students will begin this week and notes for travelling on the TAFE bus need to be returned to school. The bus will leave at 11.30am on Thursdays and return at approximately 6.00pm to Merriwa Central School Secondary campus.

YEAR 12 WORK PLACEMENT

Year 12 students who are completing a vocational course and have not completed their 70 hours of mandatory work placement will have an opportunity to do this in Week 5 this term. They need to complete their student work placement forms and liaison with their teachers so that all paper work is in place before they commence their work placement.

**BiG Day In Newcastle** BiG Day In Newcastle IT Careers Conference for students from Years 9-12. Students can hear industry speakers from Microsoft, Westpac, WiseTech Global and loads more to be confirmed in early 2015. Hear about their career paths and the future of technology as well as visiting cool exhibitor stands. http://www.thebigdayin.com.au

**Academy of Interactive Entertainment (AIE) Free Workshops** April 8, 2015, 10.00am - 3.00pm, All AIE Campuses, FREE AIE Industry Experience Days are a great opportunity to learn about the local and international game development, 3D animation and visual effects industries. During the day, students will participate in hands-on workshops using industry standard software in a fun and creative environment.

Students will also learn about the different pathways to get into the industry, what should be in a portfolio and get creative in practical workshops using industry-standard 3D animation and game development tools. For more information head to http://www.aie.edu.au/ied

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**MERRIWA CENTRAL SCHOOL P AND C**

Welcome back, we hope you all enjoyed your break.

Notice is given for our Annual General Meeting to be held on Wednesday March 4, 7.00pm at Merriwa RSL Club. To join our 2015 committee, a membership fee of $2.00 is due by February 4. Fees can be given to our Treasurer, Anna Whaley. All positions will be declared vacant. Positions are: President, Senior Vice President, Junior Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Publicity Officer, Fundraising Officer, Canteen Treasurer, Canteen Coordinator and General Committee members.

Next General Committee meeting will be held on Wednesday February 4, at 7.00pm at the Merriwa RSL Club.

We’d like to take the opportunity to welcome any new families and teachers to our school. We would also like to welcome all our new students especially our Kindergarten student and parents. We hope your child/ren enjoy their school years at Merriwa Central.

**P AND C TRIVIA NIGHT**

When: Saturday February 28 at 6.00pm
Where: Merriwa RSL Club
Tables of 8
Cost: $5.00 per person
Tables to be booked at Max’s Country Cuts.

Everyone welcome. Feel free to bring your little ones.

If you require any further information about careers please contact me at school.

Jane Hegarty
Careers Advisor

[Gaynor Blackadder
Secretary]

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**Merriwa Ringer**
DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

Messy Church - Parish Hall - Last Friday in February: 3.30pm
Men’s breakfast - Parish Hall - Third Saturday in February: 7.30am

Rosalie Drew

Merríwa Rotary Club

3KM FUN RUN/WALK - READY, SET, GO - WITH ROTARY AND KALEIDOSCOPE

Come on Merríwa - let’s get healthy and at the same time raise some money for Kaleidoscope Kids. This charity is based at John Hunter Children’s Hospital and assists all kids who need medical treatment within the John Hunter Children’s Hospital and then within their own home and community environment and extends throughout the Newcastle, Hunter and Upper Hunter regions. The youth of Merríwa and their families, are well looked after if they are admitted to John Hunter Children’s Hospital.

The last weekend in March will see the Kaleidoscope team hold a weekend at Merríwa Showground - ‘The Merríwa Charity Muster’ - from Friday March 27 through to Sunday March 29. Merríwa Rotary Club and the Upper Hunter Shire Council will be assisting the Kaleidoscope team in their fundraising efforts. The Rotary Club will be making breakfast on Saturday morning for a POETS BREAKFAST. All our community are invited to attend. Greg North will be the main poet and going on last year’s performance you will be laughing all the way home. He has many personalities that he portrays in his performance and is well worth seeing. Better than Tamworth can offer I will guarantee. On Saturday evening there will be a concert with a Rotary SPIT ROAST Dinner. The concert will include performers such as acoustic artists Stewart and Snez, Trevor Mack and singer Alan Roberts. Should be a great evening for all the community to attend.

Sunday morning will see the Rotary 3km Fun Run/Walk. This is a first and I am hoping it will be well attended by the Merríwa community. You must be seven years old for the kids section, 7 and

Under 12 ($10.00 entry fee); junior category, 12 and under 18 ($15.00 entry fee); adults – over 18 ($20.00 entry) and over 50’s ($20.00 entry). There will be trophies given to first, second and third in all categories and a random gift for an entrant in each category. Kids gift is a bicycle; juniors gift a swag and the adults and over 50’s each a $100.00 voucher. You must be present at the prize ceremony to receive the Random Gifts. Trophies and gifts will be presented by Mike Rabbit (retired NBN newsman). The Fun Run/Walk will commence at 8.00am from the Number one sports oval and will finish at the Roach Pavilion at the Merríwa Showground. Bacon and egg rolls will be available at the Roach Pavilion at the end of the run at $2.50 each. Entries close 4.00pm Tuesday March 24. Late entries will be accepted up until 7.30am Sunday, March 29 but will incur a late entry fee of additional $5.00. So get in early, pick up your entry forms from the Merríwa Pharmacy or Merríwa Newsagents and return with entry fee to Di’s Clothing by 4.00pm, March 24. Late entries extra $5.00.

3km FUN RUN/WALK is a must for the members of the Merríwa Community. Walk it, trot it, run it. It is your pace. Get your friends, your work mates, your sports mates or find a new mate and enter the Fun Run/Walk NOW. Please don’t give me more grey hairs. Enter now so I can count the entries in the four categories and order the right amount of number tags. Remember all proceeds go to the Kaleidoscope Kids. The Fun Run is sponsored by the Merríwa Rotary Club.

Any queries ring Rotary event coordinators John and Elaine Sparrow on 6548 8560.

Elaine Sparrow

FAREWELL KRISTYN TELFER

At a recent dinner our club farewelled local girl Kristyn Telfer who has now left Merríwa for a twelve month stay with Rotary in the German town of Wolfenbüttel in Lower Saxony.

Kristyn addressed our club and is obviously looking forward to a great year. She will keep us posted on her life in Germany.

Mark Smith
Rotary
Merríwa
Community Notice Board

Merriwa Hospital Auxiliary

MEETING

The next meeting of the Merriwa Hospital Auxiliary will be held on Friday February 20, at 2.00pm. It will be held in the Nurses Home Conference Room (off McRae Street).

We have a street stall booked for Friday March 6. We will be needing donations of cakes, biscuits, slices and preserves as well as volunteers for the day. We will have a raffle and 100 Club as well. All will be discussed at the meeting.

Elaine Sparrow

Merriwa CWA

SAVE THE DATE

Merriwa CWA will be holding an International Women’s Day luncheon on Friday March 6.

10.30 am for 11.00am in our rooms. More details later.

First meeting for 2015 will be Monday February 9 at 10.30am in the CWA Rooms, Bettington Street.

New members are always welcome.

The rooms are available for bookings at very reasonable rates – contact Barbara Campbell or Jean Price.

Penelope Fenley

Sid Fogg’s Coach Service in Merriwa

Effective immediately, Sid Fogg’s have re-scheduled the morning and afternoon lay over on their return Newcastle to Dubbo Coach Service from Sandy Hollow to Merriwa.

Sid Fogg’s Coach Service will now pick up and set down at the Community Bus Stop outside the Merriwa Visitor Information Centre in Vennacher Street.

The revised times are as follows:

Monday, Wednesday and Friday - westbound, arrive Merriwa VIC 10.30am and depart 11.00am - eastbound, arrive Merriwa VIC 4.50pm and depart 5.20pm.

Sid Fogg’s advise joining passengers to be at the designated stop 20 minutes before the scheduled departure time. They can be contacted on (02) 4928 1088 for further details.

Mary O’Neill

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Merriwa RSL Sub Branch

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

When: February 8
Time: 10.30am

All members are kindly invited to attend.

Toni Jones

Find us on Facebook!

Look for Merriwa Central School’s official page!
A large crowd of around 200 people turned out to witness the 2015 Merriwa District Australia Day Awards Ceremony held at Merriwa Sports Club on Monday 26 January. The Ambassador John Clarke gave an informative speech about the ABC and how it has changed since he began working there in 1979 as a casual presenter. John has been an Australia Day Ambassador since 2000, which has taken him all over the state presenting awards to inspiring people who do great things for their community.

After John’s speech it was on to the Awards. A popular choice for the Merriwa District Citizen of the Year Award went to John and Elaine Sparrow. John spoke about moving to Merriwa 27 years ago to raise their children and wanting to get involved in the community to make it a better place for their children and now grandchildren to live. Elaine thanked the community for their support and dedicated their award to the many members of their committees who help them fulfil their commitments to the community.

It was inspiring to hear the achievements of the youth of the district with the next two awards being presented to young people. Young Citizen of the Year was awarded to Isaac Austin, who was nominated by Merriwa Central School P and C for his work with the ROAR Academy, Peer Support and various sporting activities. Achiever of the Year was awarded to Clancy Martin – an exceptional horse sports competitor who has won numerous State and National Awards. The crowd were impressed by the lengthy biography of such a young boy, with great achievements and even greater potential.

Community Group of the Year was awarded to Merriwa Red Cross who recently celebrated 100 years of serving the Merriwa community. The Merriwa Red Cross provides support to street stalls, bushfire emergencies, assisted during both World Wars and arranges fundraising events for special appeals.

The Sustainability in Business Award went to Merriwa IGA, run by Keith and Wendy Richards for over 23 years. Keith and Wendy, along with son Andrew, were celebrated for their commitment to the community by providing training opportunities for young people and their generous sponsorship of community events.

The Environmental Achievement Award was shared by brother’s Mark and Peter Campbell whose forward thinking and environmental awareness have provided an inspiration to us all in environmentally sustainable farming practices.

Dylan Kiely received the School Achievement Award and Cameron Tritton received the Creative Arts Excellence Award. Both were presented a $1,000.00 cheque from the Upper Hunter Shire Council to go towards tertiary studies.

The Australia Day activities were rounded off by a free BBQ lunch and a pool party held at Merriwa Swimming Pool. Entertainment for the day was provided by the Slypigs.

The Upper Hunter Shire Council would like to thank the Merriwa District Australia Day Committee for all their hard work organising another successful event.
Australia Day Awards Photos

Phoebe Morgan

Merriwa Ringer
37 Muswellbrook Road, Merriwa  $205,000.00
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**CWA**

Meet 2nd Monday of the month at 10.00am in the CWA Rooms, 159 Bettington Street
Visitors and new members are always welcome.

Enquiries to:
- President: Barbara Campbell
  Phone: 6548 5131
- Secretary: Robyn McAlister
  Phone: 6548 3274

**MERRIWA PRE-SCHOOL & ACTIVITY CENTRE**

Pre-School is for 2 – 5 year olds
Open Monday – Friday 9am – 3pm
Ph: 02 65 48 083
Email: merriwapete943@gmail.com

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Merriwa Tennis Association
President: Robert Smith
6548 2213
Secretary: Emily Hall
Treasurer: Krichelle Khan
Vice President: Hannah Walmsey
Day - Night Competitions
Junior Competitions
Court Hire

St David's Uniting Church
Vennacher Street
Merriwa
Service Times
1st, 2nd, 4th and 5th Sundays at 11.00am
3rd Sunday at 6.00pm
Contact
Pastor Ross Neville - 6545 1396
Pastor Richard Moore - 6543 1168
Peter Campbell - 6548 5126

Merriwa Pony Club
Established in 1946
Rally Day - Second Sunday of each month

President: Clarie Martin - 6548 2201
Secretary: Christine Sparrow - 0427 412 128
Treasurer: Yvonne McNaught - 6548 2842

Merriwa, the birthplace of Pony Club.....

Merriwa Junior League and Netball Club

President: Andrew Murray Wright
Secretary: Elaine Sparrow
President: Andrew Webster
Treasurer: John Sparrow

Merriwa Rugby League Football Club
President – Mark Kirkland
Snr Vice President – Seth Morgan
Jnr Vice President – Justine Wilney

Catholic Parish
Merriwa & Cassilis

WEEKEND MASSES
St Anne’s Merriwa
1st, 3rd & 5th Sunday - 6.00pm
2nd & 4th Sunday - 11.00am
St Joseph’s Cassilis
2nd & 4th Sunday - 10.00am
Parish Priest - 6548 2086
St Vincent de Paul - 6548 3092

Merriwa Anglican Parish Services
Holy Trinity - Cassilis
Merriwa - Cassilis
9.00am Saturdays
11.00am every 2nd and 4th Sunday
10.00am Fridays
Short Bible Study
Contact: 0429 946 769
Morning Prayer
Rev’d Glen Hughes – Supervising Priest & Rev’d Pat Kirkby – Local Priest

Merriwa No. 2 Oval
2014/15 Season Open!
Tots (3 & 4) to u/17 yrs
Mondays 5.30 to 7.00pm
Merriwa No. 2 oval
Contact: 0429 946 769
New Members Welcome
ph: Tash Taaffe 6548 5002
e: tashholden@bigpond.com

Merriwa Ringer

Cassilis Bowling Club
PH: 6376 1002
Open every day 5pm

Merriwa Ringer
BUTTERFLIES

Entries close: FEBRUARY 22
AT 12 NOON

Topic for the month is:

The winning photo will receive a prize to the value of $50.00 from the monthly sponsor and this month it is sponsored by:

MERRIWA COUNTRY WOMENS ASSOCIATION

PUBLISHED IN THE RINGER ON:
FEBRUARY 26

The competition is open to amateur photographers of all ages.

With spring being just around the corner, the butterflies are out and about. This is the time to get out and practice patience and being very very still.

Merriwa CWA are sponsoring a prize to the value of $50.00 for the best butterfly photo. This will test out your stable hand and how far your camera can zoom in.

Email your photos to merriwa2-c-school@det.nsw.edu.au.
Merriwa Sports Club

The Sports Club provides a wide range of benefits for members and guests.

**Mondays** - Happy Two Hour - 4.00pm to 6.00pm - Social Darts 7.00pm - Draw for partners

**Tuesdays** - Rotary meets - 7.00pm for 7.30pm

**Thursdays** - 6.00pm Bingo

**Fridays** - Happy Two Hour - 5.00pm to 7.00pm and free raffles and Cricket Club “Chook Wheel”

**Saturdays** - Monster Raffle drawn from 7.45pm, winners jackpot, dinner draw and Saturday badge draw

**Sundays** - Members badge draw plus three raffles choice of $25.00 meat or fuel vouchers

**Last Sunday each month** - Smorgasbord all you can eat Chinese entree, mains and desserts.

Casual Bowls and Golf also available. Donations in honesty box.

**DON’T FORGET CHINESE SMORAGSORD SUNDAY FEBRUARY 22**

Chinese/Australian restaurant open for lunch Wednesday to Sunday, 12 noon to 2.00pm. Dinner Tuesday to Sunday 5.30pm to 9.00pm. Closed Mondays, reopen 5.00pm Tuesday.

For bookings and take away - telephone 6548 3228.

**WEEKEND RESULTS**

**Saturday Raffle January 24**

Saturday Members Draw no 417 was not won - next week $260.00

Winners Jackpot not won - next week $360.00

**Free Tickets:** Heather Whitby

**Dinner:** Des Snelgrove

**Bowls Raffle:** Bruce Smith

**Sunday Raffle January 25**

Sunday Members draw - No 30. Next week $800.00

Happy New Year! We hope everyone enjoyed a safe and happy holiday.

Thank you to all those folk who participated in an enjoyable Trivia Night on Saturday last. Our Australian themed night was the first of our trivia nights for 2015. We hope to have another during the month of March/April – watch this space for further information.

**LADIES BOWLS NEWS**

Hi to all the bowlers, hope you have had an enjoyable 2015 with your bowling.

Eight players went to Cassilis for their Friendship Day. Sadly this was to be their last one for the club, what an enjoyable fun day it was. Everyone had a great time. Congratulations to the lady bowlers for organising such great Friendship Days over the years.

- Winners on the day - Diane Clark, Steve Taylor, Mick Large
- Lowest Score - Ken Tuckey, Tom Freeman, Loretta Cooper
- Prizes for the Ditch - Loretta Cooper, Rester Noel
- Sheree Kelly - the only thong player
- Brian Nicholls - shoes no good, socks may be better
- Confussion on Rink 4 - Merle not knowing who she was with.

The next Friendship Day at Merriwa will be in March.

Our Pennants start February 3 at Denman. Please take your own lunch and morning tea. Those playing are:

- Beryl, Joy, Merle and Shirley
- Vivian, Sue, Loretta and Diane
- Beatrice and Robyn reserves. Vivian will take her car.

Loretta Cooper

**Cassilis Bowling Club**

Friday night Snack Bar

Affordable family meals.

Friday night raffles

Meat trays, Vegetable trays, Schooner Draw, Joker Draw, Members Draw and Vegetable trays.

Hilary Parker

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Look for Merriwa Central School's official page!
Merriwa Ringer
PRICING FOR 2015

Advertising Prices as of January 29, 2015

- Single Space Classified (4cm x 4.5cm) – $21.00
- Double Space Classified (4cm x 9cm) – $32.00
- Quarter Page Advert (8cm x 9cm) – $56.00
- Half Page Advert (20cm x 22.5cm) – $82.00
- Full Page Advert (20cm x 29.5cm) – $126.00
- Inserts (Catalogues or Flyers provided by you and inserted into the Ringer) – $189.00
- Columns in editorial form $19.00 per column or part thereof
- Inside Front Cover – Side Strip – 4.5cm wide x 26cm long – $53.00
- Inside Front Cover – Bottom Banner – 4.5cm x 17.5cm – $42.00
- Inside Front Cover – Main Space – Full – 13cm x 26cm – $147.00
- Inside Front Cover – Main Space – Half – 13cm x 13cm – $74.00
- Inside Back Cover – Full Page – 20cm x 29.5cm – $147.00
- Inside Back Cover – Half Page – 20cm x 22cm – $74.00
- Back Page Side Banner – 4.5cm x 22.5cm – $53.00
- Back Page Bottom Banner – (4cm x 22.5cm) – $42.00

Payments are to be made prior to Monday 12 noon of the advertising week.

SPONSORSHIP PACKAGE
Sponsorship includes – full term (no part term sponsorships taken)

- 1 Article of news no longer than 600 words per issue, space permitting
- Advertisement of 6 items can be mentioned in the body of the article with pricing
- A listing in the telephone directory

Sponsorship prices are:

- Single Box (4cm x 4.5cm) - $85.00 per term - $340.00 per year or $309.09 if paid by February 13
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- Sponsorship is billed either yearly or by the term.

GENERAL INFORMATION

In 2015, there will have 40 issues.
All prices include GST.
Deadline is 12 noon Mondays for distribution on Thursday.
Public holiday weeks, articles must be received by 9.00am Tuesday – late articles will not be accepted.
Current circulation figures are 850 weekly, covering the Cassilis, Merriwa and Sandy Hollow districts, reaching approximately 3,000 readers in hard copy, and many more via the internet.

Please contact Tina Taylor, Ringer Coordinator on 6548 2119 to discuss your Ringer advertising.
Prices for the coming season are:

- League Tag Over 18 - $35.00
- League Tag under 18 - $5.00
- Rugby League over 18 - $100.00
- Rugby League under 18 - $60.00

Training times:

**Women's league tag**
- Tuesdays - Pool 6.30pm to 7.30pm
- Thursday - No.2 Oval 6.30pm to 8.00pm

**Men's Rugby League**
- Tuesday - Pool 6.30pm to 7.30pm
- Friday - No.1 oval 6.30pm to 8.00pm

Pool admission fee applies unless you have a season ticket.

Only for Registered Players can attend training due to insurance reasons.

We would like to acknowledge our sponsors so far and thank them:

**Major Sponsor:**
- Merriwa RSL Club
- Jersey Sponsors: Morgan’s Maintenance
- JTS Realty
- Pembroke Beef
- Scott Witton Building

**Shorts sponsorship:**
- Max’s Country Cuts
- Craig MacPherson Haulage, Merriwa Petroleum and Ag
- Hunter Mutual
- Glandore Warmbloods
- J and A Maben

On January 24, we held a street stall, thanks to all those wonderful people who cooked and/or worked.
Welcome back. Hope everyone enjoyed their holidays. Junior League training will be commencing on Tuesday February 17, at the Merriwa Sports Oval at 4.30pm. All mini members will train together for a few weeks. All mod and intermediate players will also train together. We invite anyone who wishes to play Junior League this year to come to training. If you are new to the game, we’d love to see you – come and try before you buy. Registrations will be done at training on-line through our Club Computer. It will take you five minutes to read through your previous form and tick the box. Fees will remain at $60.00 per league player. Netball members will be contacted by Heidi (Netball coordinator) as to when training will commence and as soon as we hear from Scone Netball Club we will be able to tell you what your fees will be.

League players must turn six in 2015 to be eligible to play (birth certificates need to be sighted for new players only) and we welcome both boys and girls. Mini and mod games are held within the Group 21 boundaries – Scone, Aberdeen, Muswellbrook, Singleton and Denman – each having home games throughout the season. Under 12’s are played at Maitland in the Maitland Competition and over 13’s are played within the Hunter Valley Junior League Competition playing alternate home games with the other being played throughout Newcastle suburbs. There are always car pools being used to transport our senior leaguers to Newcastle.

As you would realise, being a small community we often find it difficult to field all age groups so we encourage all our young people to play junior league. It is a great team sport and through updated rules is very safe for our young people to play. The more members of all ages the more likely it is for us to field full teams. So if you are interested please come along to training and see for yourself. No registrations will be taken from those trialing the sport. Come to training, check it out and see for yourself what our great game of Rugby League is all about.

See you all at training on Tuesday February 17, 4.30pm. Any questions please ring Secretary Elaine Sparrow 6548 8560.
FEBRUARY

Saturday 21
• Think Pink - The Ultimate Tribute Show - Merriwa RSL Club, 8.30pm

Saturday 28
• P and C Trivia Night - Merriwa RSL Club, 6.00pm

MARCH

Friday 27
• The Merriwa Charity Muster

Saturday 28
• The Merriwa Charity Muster

Sunday 29
• The Merriwa Charity Muster - Sunday Fun Run - 7.30am, Number 1 Oval

Send your calendar information in before 12 noon Mondays to merriwa2-c.school@det.nsw.edu.au